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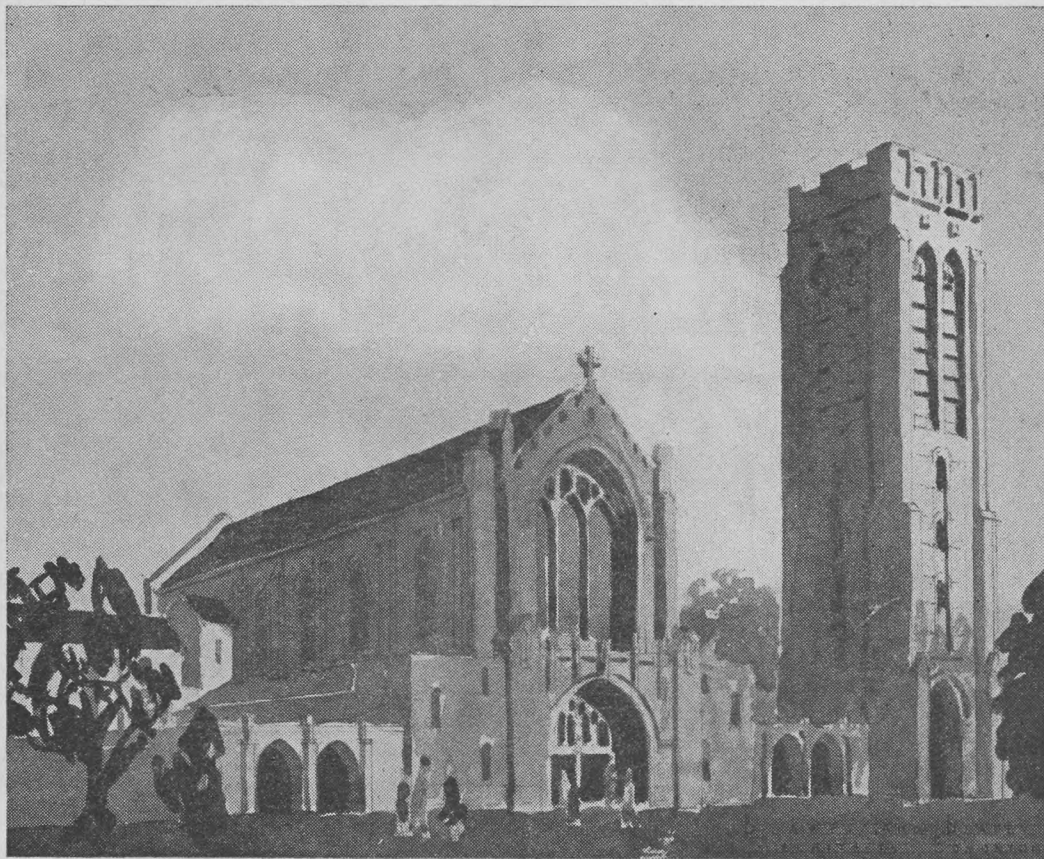
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## The Bishop's Page

My dear People,

Happy New Year! In 1949 we plan to make a real step forward—it may under God prove to be something of a leap rather than a step. In carrying out our plans I ask for your full, enthusiastic and generous support.

Edmonton, among the larger cities of Canada, is almost the only one where noon-day Lenten services have so far not been held. This year we are to make a start. It is a venture of real importance to the Church and the city. Calgary and Winnipeg have held such services now for some years with great success. Holy Trinity in downtown Winnipeg is thronged with eager people every week-day in Lent. The services last about twenty minutes, and are usually attended by those who work in the down-town district, but of course large numbers come from every part of the city. People who normally neglect the ordinary work of the Church, become really enthusiastic in their support of this special type of service.

All Saints' Cathedral is ideally situated for the purpose. We are fortunate in making our start to have secured a strong panel of preachers. The Primate will make his first visit to us at the beginning of Lent and will preach at the noon-day services from Ash Wednesday through Friday. In connection with his visit we plan to have a diocesan layman's dinner on the evening of Shrove Tuesday. The other preachers have been chosen and have accepted our invitation. Concerning them I will write fully in the February **Churchman**.

A word concerning the purpose which we have in mind to accomplish. First, it is intended to be a strong Christian witness to the whole city. The sight of a large congregation coming together in church day after day throughout the weeks of Lent, is an impressive testimony. The addresses will aim to strengthen the conviction of those who

are already active in the life of the Church; to win to full allegiance those who have become casual; to encourage and help the whole Christian community by means of a clear, direct and simple presentation of what the Church believes; to see the disorder of the world in the light of the Christian way to justice and order. It is, perhaps you will say, an ambitious purpose, but in the present crisis anything less would be unworthy of the Church.

As our plans develop, more and more of our people will be asked to do specific jobs. The first thing necessary is to secure from each parish a number of laymen who will "underwrite" the programme financially. It will cost a good deal to bring to Edmonton the men we want to do this important work. Experience shows that the collections usually cover the cost involved, but the Committee responsible must know in advance that the money is available. We have therefore decided to ask our laymen to underwrite it. In due course the plan will be presented to you by the finance committee. I have no doubt that the full amount necessary will be guaranteed.

Nothing more worth while has been done by our Church in Edmonton. The venture will have the sympathetic co-operation of other Christian communions. But it is our duty to bear the full weight of responsibility for it.

In conclusion, let me ask you to begin now to say a simple prayer for the Noon-day Lenten Services, and keep on saying it. God desires to do a great work by us, and will do "above all that we can ask or think" if we remain faithful to our trust.

Yours faithfully,

*Walter Schumlin*



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## The Editor's Columns

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Once again it is our privilege to wish our readers a very Happy New Year. The measure of its happiness will be determined more by ourselves than by our circumstances, and what we take into the New Year is the all-important factor in what the New Year has in store for us. For that reason we need to "cast away the works of darkness and put upon us the armour of light," to cast away depression and put on cheerfulness, hope and courage, to cast away worldliness and put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

The practice of making New Year's Resolutions is an old and honourable one. Sometimes the start of a new year provides the obvious occasion for starting afresh. The fact that resolutions in the past have not been carried out as strictly or as successfully as we had hoped is no reason for giving up the practice. There are many things we would do well to give up, and many we would

do well to take up. Recently we read of a clergyman in the United States trying to organize a new society (with no meetings or dues!) called "The Quitters' Club." The aim of the new organization was to encourage people to quit membership in the hundred-and-one societies which monopolized their time and energy so that they would have proper time to devote to their families and their Church. The idea has obvious merits, for our families and our worship frequently get what is left over after all the other societies have squeezed us dry. It should be the other way round, that the worship of God and the claims of our families should be satisfied before the multitude of social calls which so often exhaust us.

The start of a New Year provides the ideal opportunity for a good resolution for a Happy New Year. Resolve that this year you will be in your place Sunday by Sunday. Resolve that you will render to God the things that are God's. Resolve that your answer to the menace of communism will be a demonstration of Christian living and witness that will outfight it, outlive it, and defeat it. There is no other effective answer, and you are the only one who can give it. Resolve that you will make an effective protest against any secular organization of which you are a member which tries to hold its meetings on Sundays, and you will back up your protest by being a "quitter" if necessary. The only people who maintain that a Christian society can exist nicely on a secular Sabbath are the unchurched and the unbelievers.

### CALENDAR

JANUARY, 1949

- 1—Circumcision of our Lord.
- 2—2 SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS.
- 6—EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD.
- 9—1 SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.
- 16—2 SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.
- 23—3 SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.
- 25—Conversion of St. Paul.
- 30—3 SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.





# DIOCESAN NEWS



## LAMBETH AND YOU

The Bishop has ordered 500 copies of an illustrated magazine entitled, "Lambeth and You." It is the best thing of its kind the Church has ever produced. The cost will be about 30 cents. It is expected that copies will be available before the end of December. The purpose of the magazine is to give a pictorial, as well as a written account of what Lambeth is and means. This popular magazine will be a reasonably good substitute for the full report, and is within the reach of the average pocket book. Please order now from the Synod Office, 10029 103rd Street, Edmonton.

## ANGLICAN SUNDAY SCHOOL OF THE AIR

**10:45 a.m. CFRN every Sunday.**

Last Sunday I confirmed two young people who first became connected with our Church through the Sunday School of the Air. From the first time they heard it (quite by accident) they have never missed the classes. They have been in constant touch and have prepared themselves with the help of the Sunday School by Post lessons. They come to us from another communion, but have found in our communion a real spiritual home.

On every hand the value of the Radio Sunday School is being proclaimed. The management of CFRN is convinced that we are by means of it reaching an ever increasing body of interested and enthusiastic listeners.

In 1948 we paid our way. Now we must have more sponsors. A good many of our Sunday Schools and other organizations have sponsored single programmes at a cost of \$15.00. We ask them to do so again this year—1949. Some of our parishes have so far not had a share in this vital work. These are urged to respond to this appeal as quickly as possible.

The Bishop, who spends a good deal of time travelling in the rural areas, says "Nothing we have ever before done is of greater value in holding together our scattered Anglican people, and providing them with systematic

## MINISTERIAL PRESIDENT



**THE REV. R. S. FAULKS**

Rector of St. Peter's Church, Edmonton, who was elected President of the Edmonton Ministerial Association for the coming year.

Church teaching, presented in an attractive and impressive form. Adults, as well as young people, eagerly look forward to the programme.

The Bishop, following his usual custom at this season of the year, visited the Frog Lake Reserve for the Christmas Party, which is such an important event for the school and for the whole Reserve. This year he was again able to take with him a large number of gifts from the Sunday Schools of the city—the W.A., the S.S. and Evening Branch of the W.A. at Jasper, and quite a few anonymous persons who left gifts at the Synod Office. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt, and all the Indians on the Reserve, send their thanks to those who made the party such a happy success.

On the same journey the Bishop spent Sunday, December 19th, at Grande Centre with his Lay Reader, Mr. H. J. Ayres, and the congregation which has been built up there through his untiring faithfulness and devotion. A

report of the services will appear next month.

On Monday, December 20th, Christmas services were held at Rife and Ashmont, and on Tuesday the 21st at Beaver River. An account of these services will appear in the Parish Notes.

## ANNUAL RETURNS PARISH STATISTICS

Copies of this form will go out to all clergymen and wardens during December. They should be filled in and returned by January 31st, 1949.

Those who receive them are asked to begin at once to collect the exact information asked for so that everything except the names of new officers will be complete before the Parish Annual Meeting.

In case the Parish Annual Meeting is delayed, the report should be sent in on time and the names of new officers and the auditor's certificate re the financial statement could be sent later.

## GIRLS' COUNCIL NOTES

At the regular monthly meeting in November of the Anglican Girls' Council, an election of officers was held. Jean Whittingback, St. Luke's, was elected President; Joan Armstrong, St. Faith's, Vice-President; Marilyn Milski, St. Faith's, Secretary; Lenore Kvittim, St. Paul's, Corresponding Secretary; Joan Mansfield, Holy Trinity, Treasurer; Norma Strange, St. Faith's, Press Correspondent; Ada Armstrong, St. Faith's, Social Convener.

Mrs. J. Smith is assisting Mrs. E. de Laroque as Diocesan Girls' Leader.

At the regular monthly supper meeting of the Anglican Girls' Council on December 13, at the Synod Office, an interesting time was had by all. A girl from each group gave a report on what her group had been doing, and it was found that everyone had been busy with bazaars and packing Christmas parcels. Plans for the spring festival were also discussed. Christmas parties are being arranged by each particular group, and the girls are looking forward to January 7, when the Bishop is to speak at All Saints' Cathedral.

# VERMILION-WAINWRIGHT DEANERY CHAPTER

Regular quarterly meeting of the Vermilion-Wainwright Deanery Chapter was held on November 16th at Vegreville, with five members present. The session opened with the sacrament of the Holy Communion, with the Rev. H. Brant acting as celebrant. The members were then entertained to luncheon at the Vegreville hotel by anonymous friends of the rector. After a pleasant luncheon interval, the group assembled at the home of Mrs. R. Dunn for the business session. The Rural Dean gave a short report upon the recent Diocesan Executive meeting. Out of this arose some discussion upon the acute shortage of clergy and candidates for the ministry. It was noticed that the situation is liable to grow worse rather than better, with the loss of men through retirement, removal to other spheres of work, together with the fact that the number of students in our theological colleges is not sufficient to extend the work of the church, but to only help maintain the present work.

The proper keeping of parochial registers was dealt with at some length. It was felt that entries should be made with the utmost care and that records should be preserved in the safest place available; considering the fact that they contain invaluable information, both to the parties concerned and the church at large.

The future of Anglican rural work was discussed with some concern. Inasmuch as places which a few years ago were predominantly Anglican, are now occupied by people of European descent, who are largely members of other denominations.

The following resolution was passed unanimously: 'That we invite the members of the Diocesan Executive Committee to consider the feasibility of sponsoring a Service of Witness in the near future. It is humbly suggested that such a service could be planned in such a way as to inspire fresh enthusiasm among lapsed members of the Anglican communion. It is suggested that the Metropolitan, the Most Rev. R. Sherman, D.D., be invited to deliver the address.' It was felt by the members present that such a service could profitably be prefaced with a procession through suitable city streets, led

## DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

**Almighty God, the giver of all things, send Thy blessing, we beseech Thee, upon Thy Church throughout this Diocese; the Bishop, the Clergy, all Lay Workers, and all who belong to the Fellowship of Christ's Flock, and especially ..... May Thy Fatherly Hand ever be over us, and may Thy Holy Spirit guide us in our work, that Thy name may be ever glorified. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Jan.

- 9—The Parish of St. Thomas, Wainwright, Irma and Battle Heights, and the Rev. F. E. Smith.
- 16—The Parish of St. John the Evangelist, Edmonton, and the Rev. W. E. Harrison.
- 23—The Parish of St. Paul's, Jasper Place, and the Rev. G. D. Kelly.
- 30—The Parish of Mayerthorpe, and the Rev. J. Dicker.

### Feb.

- 6—The Parish of Vegreville, and the Rev. H. G. Brant.

by a massed choir, the clergy and dignitaries of the church.

At this juncture a paper was read by the Rev. F. E. Smith entitled "Rural Work in the North West." This was followed by a discussion upon the manner of training men for the rural work of the church. It was felt that a short course in agriculture would be beneficial to the prospective rural clergymen.

The problem of the rural clergyman who after giving a lifetime of service in rural areas and finding at an advanced age that he can no longer contend with the indifferent roads and long miles of travel, was also discussed.

Out of this discussion arose the further problem of adequate provision for the dependents of the clergy. It was agreed by all that the General Synod pension of four hundred dollars to a clergyman's widow is not sufficient protection, but that it must be supple-

mented by adequate life insurance. Inasmuch as the cost of such coverage is beyond the financial ability of many clergy, the following motion was presented and passed unanimously:

"We, the members of the Vermilion-Wainwright Deanery Chapter, assembled in conference at Vegreville upon this the 16th day of November, 1948, do hereby humbly petition the members of the Executive Committee of the Diocese of Edmonton, to give their approval and support to the following motion, and that the said motion be placed on the agenda of the next Synod of the above Diocese:

"That the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton approve the purchase of a Group Life Insurance Policy covering the permanent full time religious workers of the said Diocese. The Policy to consist of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) partly graded Life Insurance with the Confederation Life Assurance Company of Canada; the premiums to be paid in monthly installments, half the cost of which will be covered by the Diocese of Edmonton and half by the insured; half the sum required to be deducted by the Treasurer of the Diocese and the other half to be raised by each Parish respectively."

It was arranged that the next meeting of the Chapter be held at Mannville on January 11th, 1949.

At the conclusion of the meeting the members were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gudmundson.

## IF WE KNEW

If we knew what forms were fainting  
For the shade that we should fling;  
If we knew what lips were parching  
For the water we should bring,  
We would haste with eager footsteps,  
We would work with willing hands,  
Bearing cups of cooling water,  
Planting rows of shading palms.

If we knew what friends around us  
Closely press to say "Good-bye,"  
Which among the lips that kiss us,  
First should 'neath the daisies lie,  
We would clasp our arms around them,  
Looking on them through our tears;  
Tender words of love eternal  
We would whisper in their ears.

OUR INDIAN SCHOOLS

An Open Letter from the Secretary

Dear Sir:

A situation, with ramifications bearing directly upon the Home Mission Work of our Church, has arisen within the Indian School Administration and it would be appreciated if space could be found in the columns of the Edmonton Churchman to publish this letter and thus acquaint its readers with some disturbing facts.

During the last decade the Church as a whole and the Missionary Society in particular have become increasingly alarmed at the accumulating deficit resulting from the operation of the Anglican Indian and Eskimo Residential Schools. The cost of running the Schools has far outstripped income. The largest source of income, received by the Administration for the operation of its schools, is the Federal Government. It pays, in quarterly allotments, a per capita grant for each resident pupil. The amount of the grant varies with each school and is determined by a number of factors, the important ones of which are (a) the location of the school, (b) local labor, fuel and transportation costs, (c) the number of children the school will house adequately (pupilage), and recently (d) the increasing cost of food and clothing. Every effort has been made to retain expenditures within a budget acceptable to the Executive of the M.S.C.C. There is, however, a large block of income lost annually to the Administration because many of its schools have not a pupilage, in numbers, up to authorization. The Government pays a grant only for children in residence and, if a school has a pupilage lower than its capacity, that school is not earning for the Administration all that it might. In 1947, had all the schools been retained at full authorized pupilage, the amount of \$40,524.00 would have been added to income and the deficit for the same year automatically would have been reduced nearly the same amount.

Investigation has shown that the prime reason for underpupilage is, not indifference on the part of the Indian parent, as some church people try to contend, but an insufficient number of staff members in the schools.

The Administration has written proof that in some school areas the Indian

parents are deliberately refusing to return children to the care of the school, claiming, and justly so, that there are too few staff members to care adequately for their children. In other areas Anglican Indian parents are changing their faith so that their children may become eligible for residence in schools of another denomination simply because the other schools are properly staffed and thus operate efficiently. Only when an institution is well organized and efficiently staffed and operated can it produce the results for which it was founded. In some understaffed schools present staffs are becoming dissatisfied, weary, frustrated, and, in some cases, ill from trying too long to go the "extra mile." One could go on and tell how the Church is losing the sympathetic support and regard of Indian Agents in the field because we, as a Church, are not conscientiously meeting our obligation to our Indian adherents. It all boils down to the bald fact that the Anglican Church is not sufficiently interested in the work of its Indian Schools to recommend to its young people work in such schools as a Christian vocation. Because of this lack of interest the Church is losing adherents, prestige and money.

Schools can be run for a time without sufficient funds by operating at a deficit but schools certainly cannot operate without the human agent—the staff member. At the moment a school without a pupilage authorized at well over a hundred remains closed because the Administration would not be justified in re-opening another school when so many at present in operation are poorly staffed. The Administration needs workers in nearly every department of school life. Teachers, cooks, male supervisors, engineers and general assistants are particularly required. The Administration has done its best to make known its needs but Canada is a large country and our Church a large body of Christians. It is impossible for one organization of the Church with its headquarters in Ottawa to carry its story and tell its needs to all our people. Only by gaining the support, interest and understanding of the Priest in his pulpit and the parishioners in their organizations can the people hear and understand the Administration's needs. To Priest and Parishioner the message of this letter is directed with the prayer that both may be

guided to direct potential members into this very worthwhile work among the Indians and Eskimos in Canada. With the prayer goes too a warning that unless the Anglican Church sees to it that its schools are properly staffed the privilege of operating these schools will be taken from us and a large Missionary work lost to the Church forever.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) HENRY G. COOK.

Indian School Administration,  
102 Bank Street, Ottawa.

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# Woman's Auxiliary



## WORLD PEACE—

### CALL TO PRAYER

Prayer at 12:00 noon (whenever possible). "Our Father in Heaven, we pray Thee to send into our hearts, and into the hearts of all men everywhere, the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."

### Greetings

The President and members of the Diocesan W.A. Executive extend to the readers of **The Edmonton Churchman** their best wishes for a successful 1949.

### Important to Branch Treasurer

The Dominion Board has found it necessary to increase the annual member's fee, beginning in 1949, by five cents. Treasurers of parochial branches will, therefore, remit to the Diocesan Treasurer, Mrs. C. H. Harris, 20 cents per member for 1949. It is advisable to pay this affiliation fee during the first part of the year.

### New Life Members

Welcome to Mrs. R. Slessor and to Mrs. C. S. Kilgour of Christ Church, Edmonton.

### New Branches—Little Helpers

St. Michael's, Edmonton.  
Mayerthorpe.  
King Edward.

### Visit of Officers

Mrs. H. Gutteridge spoke to Holy Trinity Mothers' Union on her visit to Canterbury.

### Addresses—Please Note

Mrs. R. C. Craigie, Junior Secretary, 11728 85 Street.

Mrs. C. H. Harris, Treasurer, 10806 125 Street.

Mrs. F. A. Garton, Corresponding Secretary, 11304 127 Street.

### The W.A. Members' Prayer

When the W.A. recently changed its name to the Woman's Auxiliary of the Church of England in Canada, the Dominion Board considered it advisable to make some modifications in the wording of the prayer. Consequently, the Diocesan Board will have the new prayer cards printed and ready for the 1949 Annual.

### Christmas Gifts From The Dorcas Department

To Frog Lake: Candy.

To Little Pines Reserve: Candy and apples.

To Mooshide, Yukon: Special appeal for 25 children—scarves, mitts, toys.

### Girls' Department

A very successful rally was held at St. Luke's during the first part of November, with representatives from the city branches in attendance, and with Mrs. de Laroque and Mrs. Smith present.

The interesting program included a talk by Miss F. Beeby on her recent trip to England.

Excerpts from a letter from the Rev. Canon C. R. H. Wilkinson of Palumper, India.

The work of our Mission has gone on as usual during the past year. The Boys' High School at Palumper formerly under the direction of the Rev. Geoffrey Guiton, has continued to develop under the able leadership of the Rev. T. A. Dunstan, who is the principal of the school now. There are some 800 scholars in the school. As I write, the matriculation examinations are taking place and matriculation candidates from other schools have come to our school, which is an examination centre. Our school hall is not big enough to accommodate them all and temporary arrangements have been made in one of the High School Hostels to accommodate the overflow. We have the foundations laid for a fine new High School Hall and Science Laboratory, which will be a memorial to the late Rev. Geoffrey Guiton.

We have the money from the Anglican Advance Appeal funds to complete the work, but we cannot get the essential material for the construction, as there is a great scarcity of building material. We hope that conditions will improve soon, so that we shall be able to complete the work soon.

Many of you have been helping with the support of Christian boys in the school, whose parents are unable to pay for their education in full. The boys live in the Christian hostels attached to the school under Christian

leadership and influence. Their parents pay as much as they can towards the boys' expenses but as the cost of everything is very high at present, it is impossible for them to pay the necessary amount in full. It is essential that we should have a strong, literate, self-supporting Christian Church in India, and that is why we put so much emphasis on the education of Christian boys. Some of them, through your help, have gone to college and after taking degrees and teacher training, have returned to the school as teachers. Their expenses have been advanced to them in the form of a loan which they have repaid when they commenced to earn salaries in the school.

A graduate of our High School who was a pupil of mine years ago came in to see me recently. He had spent alternate years teaching in the school and attending college. I had helped him financially and he had repaid every anna in regular installments. He now has the degrees of Master of Arts and Bachelor of Teaching, and is a valuable member of the staff with a real loyalty and devotion to the institution.

When we were travelling home to Canada by way of the Far East in 1946, our ship stopped at Macassar in the Celebes. There we found a battalion of Dogras, mostly from our district and amongst them about 40 former pupils of our school. We had a grand reunion, and they were most helpful and kind to us. The bond that is formed with pupils in the school is often lasting and delightful, and when we go into villages where a school graduate lives, we always receive a warm welcome. The influence of the institution and the Mission becomes widespread and the friendly associations and contacts strengthen our endeavors in other branches of the work.

There is a greater need than ever that the truth as it is in Jesus Christ should be made known unto all men, so that they may be drawn unto Him, and united together in Christian peace and brotherhood. This is our task in which you join with us.



# Lambeth and Church Union

By Rev. C. S. Milford, London, England

(This article was published simultaneously by "The Record" in England, and "The Southern Churchman," in America).

There can be no doubt that in the sphere of Church Union there has been something of a reaction from the optimism which prevailed from 1920 to 1930 and was reflected in the Lambeth Conferences of those years. This is of course part of the general change of mental climate which is apparent in almost every department of life. This change was naturally reflected in the Lambeth Conference of 1948. And for that reason we should be all the more thankful that the impetus given in 1920 has borne concrete fruit in South India, and thus presented the bishops with a fait accompli. In the introduction to their report the Committee on the Unity of the Church say "there is one factor in the situation in 1948 which is wholly new, and which by its very nature has altered the entire perspective. For the first time since the great division of Christendom into Catholic and Protestant Churches an act of reunion between these two traditions has happened."

Evangelicals must certainly welcome the warmth of the statements about S. India: the very explicit encouragement to Anglicans to continue to join and to help the Church there; and the clear re-affirmations of the resolution of 1930 that no Anglican church should be established within the area of the C.S.I., in spite of the difficult situation in Nandyal.

There will of course be great and justified disappointment that the bishops could not unanimously recommend the immediate recognition of presbyters ordained in the C.S.I. Even here however there is some ground for satisfaction in the reasons given by the minority, namely that "there has not yet been time for the fruits of the union to be fully experienced and for the character of the Church of South India in its new corporate life to become apparent." This is further amplified in the section on general principles as follows: "The ministry is, in our view, an organ of Christ in His Body and can only function healthily in the Body. None of us hold that tactual succession and correct

formulae of ordination can guarantee a true and effectual episcopate or presbyterate apart from the faith and corporate life in which they are set. This is a distinct change of emphasis from that of "The Apostolic Ministry," and represents a position very much more acceptable to evangelicals. As the Bishop of Derby's Committee said, there is no reason to suspect the C.S.I. of any unorthodox intentions; and if the above condition is sincerely applied then there does indeed seem to be good hope that the new presbyters and bishops may soon be fully accepted. There is in particular no reason to think that the C.S.I. will not consider very sympathetically and seriously the first two of the amendments suggested by the Derby Committee and endorsed by the bishops; namely that the statement on the Faith of the Church should be redrafted so as to make clearer the acceptance of the Historic Faith; and that the statement on the Sacraments be freed from certain ambiguities.

On certain other counts, however, there must be a lurking doubt whether such doctrinal changes and a satisfactory growing together of the Church will necessarily lead to recognition of its ministry by all Anglicans. For there is another difficulty which undoubtedly exists though it can only be read between the lines of the Report. If presbyters from S. India are accepted and allowed to minister in Anglican Churches, will a condition be made that they must not minister with similar freedom in the other "parent" churches? As will be suggested below, this is closely bound up with one of the most important long-term issues. But it cannot be postponed for the future only, since in a slightly different form it is a problem which is already actually arising in the case of ex-Anglicans in S. India. One bishop has already stated that a condition of their ministering in his diocese would be that they should undertake not to minister in any church of another denomination.

There is in fact an inconsistency over this matter in the Report, which was perhaps inevitable but is none the less significant. In Section IIIA of this report the Committee state "The first and dominant concern which we would re-

cord regarding all schemes for Church Union is that the resulting Church should be such as could maintain full communion with all its parent Churches." There can be no doubt whatever that this is the firm intention of all the non-Anglicans who are actually engaged in such negotiations; and the non-Anglicans in S. India would never have entered into the union if they suspected for a moment that it would in any way interrupt their fellowship with their "parent" Churches.

On the other hand, points 5 and 6 of the *desiderata* named by the Derby Committee and endorsed by the Lambeth Committee are as follows:

"There should be a reconsideration of the ultimate relation of the C.S.I. to other Churches not episcopally ordered."

"There should be a satisfactory clarification of the circumstances, if any, in which non-episcopally ordained ministers may continue to exercise ministry in the C.S.I. at the conclusion of the interim period."

It would seem that the bishops have said in effect "Ideally we would like to see you in relations of full fellowship both with us and with your other Parent Churches; but in practice you will have to choose between us and them." It is to be noted that these two points in the Derby Committee's suggestions do not refer, like some of the others, to changes made in the Scheme since 1930. Rather it would seem that the bishops in 1948 have been less ready than they were in 1930 to leave these difficult problems for the future to settle—partly no doubt because the union has now been actually inaugurated, and partly perhaps because there is less optimism now than then about any rapid progress towards reunion at home.

With regard to those already ordained before the union, the problem is not so obstinate. Presbyters in S. India who are not episcopally ordained are not likely to resent the decision that they will not in virtue of the union gain any privileges in the Anglican Communion which they did not possess before. And similarly ex-Anglicans in S. India should not object if they are asked when they are outside that area to refrain from receiving Communion or ministering in Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational Churches except on special occasions. No doubt many

find it painful to accept constraint if it is asked of them; there is an obvious difference between recognition of the Orders within the C.S.I. of presbyters not episcopally ordained, and doing so in areas where there is no immediate prospect even, of organic union.

But what of those ordained since September, 1947? For the moment it may still in theory be possible to distinguish these as ex-Anglicans, ex-Methodists, etc., according to their upbringing. But in proportion as the Church really grows together this will become increasingly unreal; and future presbyters will be put in an impossible position if they have to chose, when they move anywhere outside S. India, to be in communion with either Anglicans or non-Anglicans but not with both. This is of course only a reflex of the fundamental differences in theological attitudes among Anglicans themselves, which is clearly faced by the bishops on p. 50 of the Report: but it is well that we should recognize that it is not only a question of "ultimate" relations, but will lead to practical problems in the fairly near future.

The Lambeth findings give another cause for anxiety about the future. The Committee on the Unity of the Church, while welcoming South India as a **fait accompli**, make it abundantly clear that they greatly prefer the Ceylon scheme, and hope that this will be taken as the model for the future. This is very understandable, for the Ceylon scheme is in two obvious ways much easier for Anglicans to accept. The statement on the Faith of the Church more clearly safeguards tradition. As mentioned above, it may not be difficult for S. India to come into line in this respect. But the other difference is more important. Ceylon provides for a unified episcopal ministry from the start, and thus obviates the interim period. The act by which the Ministry will be unified is deliberately not labelled supplemental ordination, but it is a sacramental act, in which the bishop of each diocese, already consecrated by three bishops from outside Ceylon, will lay his hands on the heads of all the presbyters of his diocese.

Most Anglicans would certainly welcome such a plan as the model for other union schemes; though there are some even among Anglicans who regard South India as theologically sounder,

just because it involves a clearer acceptance of non-episcopal orders and a recognition that we insist on episcopacy because it is our rule of order and not because of our doctrine of grace. But what of the other negotiating bodies? Proposals for supplemental ordination were again and again considered in S. India and given up because they were unacceptable to non-Anglicans. It is true that the Ceylon method, by avoiding the term supplemental ordination, has won acceptance by the joint committees both in Ceylon and in N. India. And since the Lambeth Conference the C.S.I. has appointed a small panel of theologians to examine the whole question afresh. But there is as yet little sign that the Presbyterians will accept such a plan. The only Presbyterians in Ceylon are a small Dutch Reformed body, and they are reported to be standing aside; while one of the leading Presbyterian theologians at the 'Round Table Conference' in N. India dissented from the unification proposal there. And Bishop Newbigin in his book, "The Reunion of the Church," argues very strongly in favor of the S. India method as the only right one. The Presbyterians hold a very definite theology of Orders, and insist that their ordination is real and valid and must be recognized as such.

The actual words of the Committee are: "The unification of the ministry in a form satisfactory to all the bodies concerned, at the inauguration of the union or as soon as possible thereafter, is likely to be a prerequisite to success in all future proposals designed to secure the reunion of the Churches."

The Church Times commentator noted with satisfaction that in this Lambeth Report there is no mention of "real" ministries, that the bishops had freed themselves from the influence of Headlam and Streeter, and that their theology does not "date." The debate on this matter will no doubt continue; but it must be emphasized that the issue is not between theological principle and a sentimental desire for unity, but between the two equally definite theological principles—and that those of Headlam have been widely and continuously held in the Church of England ever since the Reformation. It will be tragic if through a rigid insistence on one way of unifying the ministry South India remains an isolated and unrepeatable experiment.

In the sphere of reunion with the Free Churches at home, the Conference could not endorse the proposal made by the Archbishop of Canterbury two years ago that the other Churches should receive episcopal ordination while remaining for the present separate bodies. They hold that such a plan would not sufficiently provide for a real growing together. It is to be hoped that this will not be made a reason for doing nothing at all. The negotiations which have been carried on intermittently since 1920 have been almost exclusively concerned with matters of theology, and the task of working out an actual method of growing together remains practically untouched. It is obviously far more difficult than in a region such as S. India, where, owing to the past observance of comity, there is little overlapping between the Churches.

Little need be said by way of comment on the pronouncements regarding other Episcopal Churches. Evangelicals will be grateful for the downright statement that there are still most serious divergencies of faith and practice between us and the Church of Rome, apart from the question of papacy. In the case of the Eastern and Orthodox Churches the Conference had for the most part to report that little fresh progress had been made, largely owing to disturbed conditions in Europe and the Middle East. But the proposal that there should be a conference every five years of bishops representing as many as possible of such Churches is a gesture to which one can only pray that there will be a generous response.

#### REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY

"The keeping one day in seven holy, a time of relaxation and refreshment, as well as for public worship, is of admirable service to a state, considered merely as a civil institution. It humanizes, by the help of conservation and society, the manners of the people. It enables the industrious workman to pursue his occupation in the ensuing week with health and cheerfulness; it imprints on the minds of the people that sense of their duty to God, so necessary to make them good citizens, but which yet would be worn out and defaced by an unremitted continuance of labor without any stated times of recalling them to the worship of their Maker."—Blackstone (the father of British (and American) Common Law).

## FROG LAKE

Archdeacon and Mrs. Paul of Prince Albert visited the Frog Lake Reserve during October. Service with Holy Communion was held in the church which was well attended. While here, Archdeacon and Mrs. Paul called at many of the Indian homes. We look forward to their visits and hope to see them again soon.

The Anglican Church on the Frog Lake Indian Reserve was the scene of a pretty wedding on Friday, Nov. 5th, when Mary Abraham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Abraham, became the bride of Mr. Charlie Faithful, son of Mrs. Pierre Moyah, all of Frog Lake Reserve. The Rev. Mr. Allen H. Gillet performed the ceremony.

The bride entered the church on the arm of her father, looking very nice in a dress of pink brocade satin, and carrying a bridal bouquet of roses.

She was attended by Colleen Hunt, and her sister, Marie Abraham. The four flower girls were Charlotte Abraham, niece of the bride, Theresse Moyah, Agnes Fiddler and Alma Cross.

The groom was supported by Vernon Sharkey of Frog Lake and Alex Quinney of Frog Lake Reserve.

The organist was Mrs. Frank Bristow of Frog Lake. During the signing of the register Patricia and Jean Hunt sang a duet.

Following the ceremony, rifle shots were fired, customary at an Indian wedding. Thus the string of about 20 wagons following the pridal party, were started. They travelled a short distance to the hall where a reception was held with about 250 guests present. Friends and relatives came from Onion Lake, Long Lake and Cold Lake Reserves.

The happy couple will make their home on the Frog Lake Reserve.

The Indians of Frog Lake are now busy raising funds for their annual Christmas Party which is expected to be held on Friday, December 17.

## FAMILY ALTAR

The modern inventions of our day and the modern way of life have crowded out many of the customs of yesterday. The horse and buggy gave way to the automobile. The horse drawn street cars gave way to the bus lines. The oil wick lamps and gas chandeliers gave way to the electric bulbs. Pony express gave way to the airlines. The old music box gave way to the radio. We live in a constantly changing world.

In the midst of progress some of the changes have crowded out some very good things that never should have been lost. For instance, the family altar.

There was a time when every home that called itself Christian observed a family altar. Mother and father would gather around the living room with the children each evening before they would retire. They would read the Bible and pray. That prayer was the safeguard for many a boy and girl. The family altar was the corner stone of the Christian home.

Even the President of the United States observed the family altar in the White House and right through America down to the humblest home, people prayed in a family circle.

In the activity of life with the rush and hustle and bustle of each member of the family, the family altar was soon forgotten. Telephones interrupted the prayer life. Each member of the family with his own activities running hither and thither, coming and going at various times in the machine age, soon found it impossible to gather around the altar of prayer.

The sad part of it is, the family altar has not been replaced with anything better. In fact, it has not been replaced at all.

Modern inventions may have taken the place of other inventions but in the case of the family altar, modern life crowded out the spiritual life so that there was no time for God, no time to read the Bible, no time to pray.

Nothing will ever take the place in your life of those hours of quietness when you can talk with the Lord.

David said, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin

against Thee." The need the safeguard of and the place of prayer.

Too many children have never a mother or father even utter a prayer. They are unacquainted with the Word of God.

Let's get back to the family altar!

—The World-Wide Christian Conservative.

## THE BENEFITS OF REST

"We are not poorer but richer because we have, through many ages, rested from our labor one day in seven. That day is not lost. While industry is suspended, while the plough lies in the furrow, while the exchange is silent, while no smoke ascends from the factory, a process is going on quite as important to the wealth of nations as any process which is performed on more busy days. Man, the machine of machineries, the machine compared with which all the contrivances of the Watts and Arkwrights are worthless, is repairing and winding up, so that he returns to his work on Monday with clearer intellect, with livelier spirits, with renewed corporal vigor. Never will I believe that what makes a population strong and healthier and wiser and better can ultimately make it poorer." —(Macaulay, Speech on early Factory Acts).

## HARMONY

Harmony of voices, How different things might be  
With a little tolerance and generosity,  
Praise instead of criticism, smiles instead of tears;  
When Love's spirit enters, all suspicion disappears.  
Harmony throughout the world. Oh, may we live to see  
Christ's own Kingdom, not a dream, but a Reality.  
Every nation in the world united and yet free—  
Working out their destinies in perfect harmony.

"Prayer is not the seeking of favors from God, but is rather the willingness to accept orders from God."

"Yesterday is gone; forget it.  
Tomorrow never comes; why worry?  
Today is here; get busy!"



## RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHURCHMAN

The Church Assembly (corresponding to the Old Country to our General Synod) has just issued a report which, among other things, says: "It is convenient to divide the duties of a Churchman into four spheres: Worship, Thought, Service, Witness.

**"Worship.** It is the duty of every Churchman, not only to WORSHIP God with his fellow-churchmen in the ways provided by the Church, but also to practice private prayer regularly and with devotion. The public and private worship of God is the first duty of a Christian. All his Christian duties are the outcome of a relationship to God, of which worship is the expression. A Churchman must therefore pray and worship in Church and at home.

**"Thought.** It is the duty of a Churchman to UNDERSTAND and try continuously to develop his understanding of the content and meaning of the Christian Faith and its relevance to the life of his day. This he should do by the reading and study of the Bible, the hearing of sermons, and by learning about Christian Doctrine and Church History. In addition he should recognize the relevance of Christianity to local, national and international affairs, and the importance of moral and ethical questions.

**"Service:** It is the duty of a Churchman to SERVE God by loving his neighbor. This involves (1) doing his daily work in the spirit of service and with a sense of vocation; (2) accepting a share of responsibility for the work of his parish, his diocese, and the Church throughout the world; (3) being ready to help in every kind of service to the community.

**"Witness.** It is the duty of a Churchman to BEAR WITNESS to his faith and to try to extend the knowledge of God and His Kingdom among all men by (1) being prepared to give a good account of his faith to others; (2) so doing his ordinary work, and behaving with charity, courtesy, and neighborliness to others, that his life and deeds may commend his faith; (3) standing against all evil and injustice; (4) promoting peace and goodwill among all men, and especially among them that are of the Household of Faith.

"These general Christian duties should be taught frequently and plain-

ly to those already within the Church, and proclaimed to those who are outside. For the former, a stronger sense of responsibility is needed; for the latter, a clearer understanding of what it means to be a Christian."

The report goes on to deal with certain specific duties "clearly set forth in the Church's formularies, which are imposed on all lay members of the Church of England without exception." "They do not cover the whole range of the moral and spiritual life" but are "a nucleus round which the moral and spiritual life may develop with constant growth."

(1) "To communicate regularly, and at least at Christmas, Easter and Whitsuntide." "Confirmation candidates are properly taught to make for themselves a rule of greater frequency; but the Prayer Book rule can be claimed as binding on everybody as a minimum; and we think it worthwhile to call attention to the fact that the rule is to communicate three times a year, not, as is now commonly supposed, on Easter Day only."

(2) "To attend Divine Service every Sunday and Holy Day having no reasonable excuse to be absent." "In the matter of Church attendance we hold that a layman's minimum duty is fulfilled if he attend any one of the public Sunday Services. We are thankful for the example of His Majesty the King made public each week in the Court Circular."

(3) "To give support to the Church and Ministry and to contribute to the needs of others." "In this matter we are aware of a need for fresh statements of the layman's obligation. The old laws of tithes and dues are virtually obsolete, yet no clearly stated obligation has yet taken their place. The laity have no definite standards by which to judge what their duty is. distinguished. Dues represent an equitable contribution towards church expenses in just return for benefits received. Every Churchman owes a payment, proportionate to his means, towards the upkeep of the work of his parish church and the maintenance of the necessary diocesan organization. Almsgiving represents voluntary offerings towards the needs of others. It is an act of charity. Chief objects of Christian charity are missionary work at home and abroad, provision for the

sick and aged, the relief of distress generally. It is not easy to arrive at a figure which dues and almsgiving should amount to; but a rough and ready guide is available, if it be made a rule that dues and alms shall always bear comparison with the amounts spent on personal pleasures."

## BROADCASTING

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9—St. Faith's .....CFRN

16—Christ Church .....CJCA

30—Holy Trinity .....CJCA

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"Our leaders whether clerical or political, should be prepared to defend Sunday against secularization and commercialization from a patriotic sense of duty as the trustees of posterity. If we pass on to the next generation a de-Christianized Sunday, they will pass on to their next generation a de-Christianized Britain. It will be much easier for us to defend Sunday with religion behind it, than it would be for our children to defend religion without Sunday upon which to promote it. If we would keep our religion and our Church, if we would preserve our nation's and our Empire's real greatness, if we would save our souls, we must save our Sunday."—(Quoted by Dr. G. G. Webber, from "Why Sunday?" by a London Journalist).

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CHURCH MEMBERSHIP HIGHEST  
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New York—Church membership in the United States has climbed to its highest mark in history—53 per cent of the nation's population, according to the Christian Herald.

Releasing the results of a nationwide survey, the magazine said that the number of Americans belonging to churches increased to 77,386,186 in 1947, a gain of 3, 713,000 over the previous year.

"Just how religious we are in spirit and in practice may be open to argument—and usually is," the magazine said. "But . . . statistically speaking, religion in the United States is enjoying the most robust health it has ever known."

To obtain its annual report on "The State of the Church," prepared for its August issue, the magazine said it polled two hundred and twenty-three Protestant and thirty non-Protestant denominations.

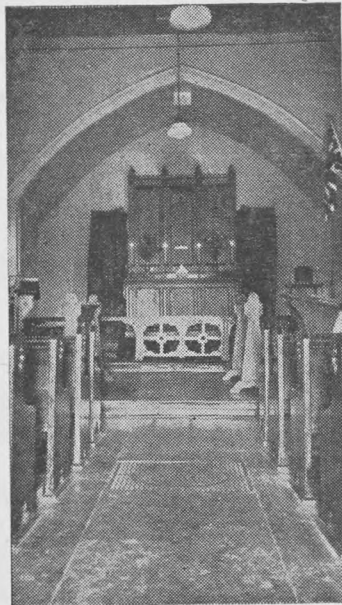
Of the total number of American Church members listed, the report said, sixty per cent (or 46,149,676) are Protestants, thirty-three per cent (or 25,286,178) are Roman Catholics, six per cent (or 4,641,000) are Jewish, and the remaining one per cent belong to various non-Protestant groups.

In the past year the Roman Catholic Church reported an increase of 866,049 members—a gain of about 3.5 per cent. Protestant churches reported adding 1,173,962 more members—an increase of about 2.6 per cent.

Among individual denominations making the largest gains, the report said, were the Church of God (Cleveland, Tenn.) with a membership increase of sixteen per cent; the Latter-Day Saints, with a gain of nine per cent, and the Nazarenes, Southern Baptists and Southern Presbyterians, all with a gain of more than three per cent.

When thou attackest the roots of sin, fix thy thoughts more upon the God whom thou desirest than upon the sin which thou abhorrest.—Walter Hylton.

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BLUE MONDAY

"To dodge Blue Monday: Monday to many of us is a day of dullness and depression. . . . So common is this condition that employers of labor sometimes heartily wish there were no break in the week's work such as is brought by the Sunday holiday. . . . Nature unites with religion in insisting on cessation of work one day in every seven. The trouble with those afflicted with blue Mondays is, therefore, not that they have had a holiday, but that they have used it unwisely. . . . When, on the contrary, man rises Sunday at about his usual time, goes to church—thereby deriving mental as well as spiritual benefit, through being stimulated to do some serious thinking—eats moderately, and passes his Sunday afternoon in pleasurable, preferably outdoor, occupation—when he does all this, and then goes to bed at a reasonable hour, he need have no fear of experiencing a blue Monday. It is all a question of how the Sunday is spent." —(H. Addington Bruce, author of "The Riddle of Personality").

RELIG.

Religion applies either to life or to nothing, and no department of life can be left outside of God.

Religion's purpose and object is not to make a man certain and cocksure about everything, but to make him certain about those things about which he must be certain if he is to live a human life at all.

If I had the full cup of all the world's joys held up to me, and could drain it to the dregs, I should still remain thirsty if I had not God.

Unless the Church of Christ is by love so united with the whole of mankind that the sin of the world is the sin of the Church—then it is not a church at all.—Studdert Kennedy in The Wicket Gate.

"Once more—and this is the peril which comes especially with an advancing civilization and the growth of material prosperity—God may be lost by being crowding out of the life by the incessant pressure of the business of the world. Against this danger from Mammonism men were to be on the watch. It was only to be met by the determined resolve to make due and systematic provision for the worship of God and the needs of the spiritual nature." (The Church Catechism Explained," by the late Dr. A. W. Robinson).

"If any little love of mine  
May make a life the sweeter;  
If any little care of mine  
May make a friend's the fleeter;  
If any lift of mine may ease  
The burden of another;  
God give me love and care and  
strength  
To help my toiling brother."

"Grant, O Lord Christ, that following in thy footsteps I may so live and work as to think nothing of self-glorification or the applause of men, but only to render as perfectly as I can the service that Thou dost ask of me."

—Teepee Tidings.

## Rural Deanery of Edmonton

### ALL SAINTS' CATHEDRAL

The Very Rev. A. M. Trendell  
The Rev. H. W. Buchner

We have started again our services for parents with children of one year and under on the third Sunday of each month. Quite a large number of parents and lots of children enjoyed the service on November 21st and a Christmas service is to be held on December 19th at 3:00 p.m.

The Men's Fellowship have met twice during the past month in Study and Action. On the 26th of November the Dean addressed the group on the Doctrine of Man as enunciated in the Lambeth Report and there followed a discussion period. The group again met on December 10th, when a discussion period was prepared by the Rev. C. E. F. Wolff.

Early in December the Rector spent a full week at Prince Albert conducting a Mission at the Prince Albert Penitentiary. The Dean found this work extremely interesting and was pleased with the support which he received at the penitentiary, both from the staff and the prisoners themselves.

The Cathedral Evening Branch of the W.A. held their final meeting for 1948 at the home of Mrs. Hamilton, Thursday, December 9th, with twenty present.

A resume of the year's activity showed an increase in membership and a good financial standing. The main events during the season were the Spring Tea and Sale of Work in the Empire Room of the Bay. A concert, "Sing and Swing," by Joan Solliwan's school of dancing, and Market Stall sales. Some sixty patients have been visited in the Misericordia Hospital as well as in several homes. After all W.A. obligations were met a substantial sum of money was sent to the Building Fund, Anglican Girls' College, St. John's Home, the Camsel Hospital, Christmas cheer to a few deserving cases. This closed the year's activity.

The president thanked all in office and members for the co-operation shown in that past year.

Our annual meeting is to be held on January 6th, at 8:00 p.m., in the Parish Hall. Election of officers will take place at this meeting.

A "Bean Feed" was held on Dec. 8th for the Cub Pack and the Scout Troop and their parents. The "Bean Feed" was prepared and served by the 1st Edmonton All Saints' Rover Crew and was much appreciated. Before supper a Cub Circle was held—three Cubs were invested and quite a number of Cubs received their First Star. Mr. Allbright then presented the Cubs who had trained in the First Aid team with their First Aid badges. There followed a programme complete with games and an excellent magician. We were pleased to welcome quite a few official visitors to this event as well as many of the boys' parents.

### HOLY TRINITY

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Preparations for the Christmas Festival are uppermost in our hearts and minds as these notes are being written. We hope to have our church beautifully decorated for the occasion. Our Christmas Carol Service on Dec. 19th was the best we have enjoyed, and we are looking forward to hearing the Christmas Cantata, "Bethlehem," on Dec. 26th.

Our congregation social on Dec. 1st was a most happy event. There was an excellent attendance, and all enjoyed the addresses by Bishop and Mrs. Barfoot, and the film. The Men's Club and the ladies were joint sponsors.

The Pictorial Calendar has exceeded all expectations, and we were sold out before the middle of December. It is a fine effort, and Miss Ellis and Miss Joudrey were able to make a contribution of over \$600 to our hall fund, the proceeds of the Calendar.

Most organizations have had Christmas parties to wind up the year's activities. The Beginners and Primary Sunday School held their party on Dec. 18th. The main school will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 28th, for a supper. Our thanks to Mr. R. McLean for his help in obtaining suitable programmes.

The Men's Club plan to experiment with monthly supper meeting in 1949, and the first will be on Monday, Jan. 17th. Two fine films on "Oil Exploration" and "Salmon" were shown at the December meeting.

The Parish Hall is almost ready for use. A hot water radiator system of heating has been installed, and is practically complete. As soon as this is finished we shall begin using the hall. We are most grateful for the help given by organizations and individuals. The support has been magnificent.

Annual meetings will be held in January, and the election of officers. We hope that all our organizations will again enjoy the same excellent leadership as in the past, and that all parishioners will endeavor to be present at the congregational meeting on Jan. 26th.

### ST. FAITH'S

The Rev. L. M. Watts  
The Rev. G. W. Wilson

The parish of St. Faith's received an early Christmas present this year, and it was not bestowed by that traditional giver of gifts. It is a gift in which all members of church organizations had a part—Afternoon and Evening Groups W.A., Girls' Auxiliary and Juniors, Church Boys' League and A.Y. P.A., Dime a Week Club members and the congregation in general. And the gift? The paying, down to the final

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On St. Andrew's Day, Nov. 30th, a combined service was held for all church sponsored organizations. At this service six new members were admitted to the Girls' Auxiliary by the Rev. L. M. Watts; also the entire group of some twenty-five girls, were presented with their Nursing Badges. The requirements for this badge are quite exacting, and the G.A. girls and their leader, Mrs. C. Field, are to be congratulated on their achievement.

A number of gifts, besides donations of money, have been given to the church in the last month. The Afternoon and Evening W.A. groups gave twenty-four new Prayer and Hymn Books, the G.A. donated one dozen Hymn Books for the Junior Choir, also twenty dollars for the purchase of more choir music.

Two most successful bazaars were held during November, and W.A. workers are now catching a deep breath before plunging into renewed work in 1949. The Evening Group especially want to thank Mrs. Denington, of Gladys' Flower Shop, for the use of her store two days early in December.

Officers for the Evening Group W.A. for 1949 are: President, Mrs. F. Varlow; Vice-President, Mrs. R. Smith; Secretary, Mrs. W. Shillabeer; Treasurer, Miss E. Riddell; Prayer Partner, Mrs. B. Cairns; Educational, Mrs. H. Fairbrother; Flower Fund, Mrs. V. Young. The 1948 season was ended with the regular "President's Party." Mrs. Varlow entertained all members at a theatre party and later at her home for games and a buffet supper.

By the time these notes are published a new year will have arrived—may you all have a Peaceful and Happy one.

#### ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS NORTH EDMONTON

Our little church is growing numerically stronger every week, and progress is slow but steady. The W.A. is a great help to us and gave a cheque sufficient to enable us to meet our financial obligations. It was the W.A. who had the gas installed in our church and hall, paying all costs. A Tea and Home Cooking Sale held by the W.A. on December 1st was a big success.

We must also thank St. Faith's for sending us a Lay Reader, Sunday after Sunday. It is to be hoped that sometime in the not too distant future we may be in a position to have a Parish Priest of our own, but in the meantime we appreciate being under the wing of St. Faith's.

**Wedding**—Amy Doreen Johnson to Robert Harvey McLaughlin.

#### ST. LUKE'S

Canon H. Wallis

#### St. Luke's A.Y.P.A.

A candle lighting ceremony took place at evensong on November 28th.

The same evening, our new members were initiated and there was an installation of officers. These were as follows: President, Helen Whittingback; Vice-President, Joan Walters; Secretary-Treasurer, Winnie Marshall.

Our group had a military whist drive and waltz which was well attended. Refreshments were served and the evening ended with everyone joining in the dance.

We were very pleased to be host to all the groups at the annual Charade contest.

Among our activities lately, we have been tinting pictures under the direction of Canon Wallis, and we acted out a typical Indian day in a Residential School. In our work nights, we have been cleaning rooms in both the hall and church basements.

#### ST. MARK'S

The Rev. Arthur Elliott

Greetings and good wishes for the New Year to the people of St. Mark's. We like to see you often. We miss you when you are not at the services. We enjoy teaching your children at Sunday School and we would be glad to have all parents coming to church with the regularity their children come to Sunday School. How about it, parents?

#### Sunday School

Two whist drives arranged by the teachers have helped to supplement the Christmas Tree funds and provided social gatherings. The annual Christmas treat is to be held on Tuesday, Dec. 21st, and is looked forward to by all. We welcome Mrs. Gribble as a teacher in the school.

#### Men's Club

Meetings continue to be well supported. A ladies' night is arranged for the 20th December, when the members will provide the entertainment for their wives and also the lunch to follow.

#### W.A.

A very successful and satisfactory afternoon was spent in the Parish Hall on the 1st December, when the Afternoon Group held their annual bazaar. There was a large attendance and the Evening Group had their own stall.

#### Hall and Basement Fund

The funds continue to come in and we are all pleased with the first result. Further visits will be made by those collecting early in the New Year.

Much sorrow was felt at the death in hospital of Mrs. E. I. R. Hayden, one of our best loved communicants. Mrs. Hayden had been ill for many years, yet whenever possible she came to the services of the church and kept her interest in all activities of the church. The sympathy of us all goes out to Mr. Hayden and the family.

#### ST. MARY'S CHURCH

The Rev. W. T. Elkin

The past few weeks have been busy ones at St. Mary's, and since our last report a very successful cribbage party

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was held by the Men's Club on Nov. 19th. More parties of this nature are planned for the New Year. The Men's Club also had a very interesting meeting on Dec. 6th, when films on Mounted Police work were shown by two members of the force.

The Evening Groups of the W.A. joined forces in their annual tea and bazaar on Nov. 24th with very gratifying results. On Nov. 30th, the St. Andrew's Day Service of Intercession was held at 7:30 p.m. for W.A. members.

On Friday, Dec. 3rd, a Service of Admission and Presentation of stripes, badges and chevrons for Junior W.A. and Girls' Auxiliary was held, and was very well attended by members and their mothers. G.A. members admitted were: Patsy McDowell, Louise Scott and Helen Stutchbury. Chevrons were awarded to Giovanna and Nona Rogers, Shirley Smallridge, Marjorie Creighton, Patsy McDowell, Louise Scott and Helen Stutchbury. Thirty Juniors were awarded stripes. The Juniors have planned a sleigh ride for their Christmas party, and are taking a great deal of interest in the Christmas parcel they are preparing for a little Indian Junior in the Charles Camsell Hospital.

The A.Y.P.A. have had a busy month, commencing with a cribbage party in the Parish Hall on Dec. 3rd. On Dec. 5th, election of officers was held at the regular meeting, with the following results: Peter Cuff, President; Anne Johnson, Secretary; Thelma Gittins, Treasurer; Donald Hiron, Vice-President for Worship; Gloria Hiron, Vice-President for Work; Grieg Elliott, Vice-President for Fellowship, and Betty Ward, Vice-President for Edification.

The new executive held an executive meeting on Dec. 10th to plan the year's

agenda, and made an excellent start by sponsoring White Gift Services for Dec. 19th, with gifts received to be made up into hampers for needy families in the parish at Christmas.

The annual Christmas Tree was held for the Sunday School on Dec. 16th at the Highlands Community Hall, with a record attendance by members and their parents. Of course Santa Claus was on hand to give out presents and candy, and everyone had a wonderful time.

May we of St. Mary's take this opportunity of wishing all **Churchman** readers a very Happy New Year.

#### ST. PAUL'S, LEDUC

The Christmas service will be held in the church with the Rev. W. E. Harrison in charge.

**W.A.**—The W.A. wish to thank all who made the bazaar so successful. Special thanks go to the ladies of St. David's United Church and Mr. Henderson.

The W.A. held their December meeting at the home of Mrs. Fountain with six members present. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. R. T. M. Puddicombe, when election of officers will take place.

The Junior Choir has been practising the Christmas music, but due to illness our attendance has been very poor.

The Sunday School will hold their treat in the Parish Room, Dec. 29th, at 2:00 p.m.

The Churchman subscriptions are now due.

The Season's Greetings to one and all.

#### ST. GEORGE'S, FT. SASKATCHEWAN

The Rev. W. W. Buxton

We take a few minutes of time in the hustle and bustle of happy Christmas preparations to think of the coming New Year. May it be for everyone a new year of happiness, peace and good fellowship.

#### GIBBONS

The highlight of events in our parish during December was a visit from the Bishop on Sunday, the 12th, for the purpose of holding a service of Confirmation, at which the following young people took upon themselves the vows of renunciation and of good endeavor toward living a Christian life: Jean Hogg, Nan Fraser, Kay Fraser, Doreen Hall, Ardythe Hall, Florence Sprague, Stella Kendra, Doris Sprague, Allan Oliver, Will Morris and John Kendra. It was an impressive and affecting ceremony. The Bishop in his address stressed the need for action in living a Christian life.

A reception in honor of the Bishop and of those who had just been confirmed was held in the Community Hall afterwards. The young people who had been confirmed at Bon Accord, together with their parents, and other

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members of the Bon Accord congregation, contributed by their presence to make the function a very happy event. Our Rector wore a pleased smile, and well he might, having been instrumental in making a very welcome addition of responsible members to the respective congregations.

The Bishop in his address gave a brief but most interesting resume of some of his activities, of the contacts he made with brother Bishops while at the Lambeth Conference and at Amsterdam. The Bishop also voiced his commendation as to the appearance of the interior of our church. It happened to be the first time electric light was used for illuminating.

The annual meeting of the W.A. was duly held. The report of activities for

the past year was given. The financial statement showed results to be most gratifying. The retiring president, Mrs. R. S. D. Gibbons, was thanked for her able guidance during her term of office. Mrs. Claude Dawson and Mrs. John Mabbutt were elected as president and with Mrs. Earl Toane, treasurer, and Mrs. Earl Yeo, secretary.

The bazaar and whist drive held Dec. 11th despite severe weather was well attended, and provided a most enjoyable social evening, and the monetary returns made a welcome addition to the dwindling exchequer of the W.A.

**Baptisms**—Linda Jean, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hogg; David Leo, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Satterfield.

**Burial**—On December 1st, in Hazel Bluff Cemetery, William Grant, Sunnybank.

#### CHRIST CHURCH, JARVIE

On Saturday, December 11th, the W.A. held their annual bazaar and tea in the Legion Hall. The ladies worked hard and had a very excellent display of articles for sale. In spite of very cold weather they were well patronized.

#### DRAYTON VALLEY

On Nov. 26th we had our annual bazaar and did very well. We also presented a play, "No Men Admitted," which was a success, according to a number of people. The G.A. girls sold lunch and were dressed in black and white.

On that same evening the Rev. H. Buchner arrived to the joy of us all. We were all so tired we didn't do any entertaining that week end, but had Holy Communion and all the newly confirmed attended, which is a good start toward their new life.

Mr. Buchner is to come to us again on the 19th of December, and we hope to have a party in line for the boys and girls, and carol singing on Saturday night.

#### ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH, EDSON

The W.A. held their annual winter sale in the Parish Hall on December 4th. It was very well attended. The Junior girls were in charge of a candy stall, and the Young Wives' group had a special Christmas stall, and also looked after the tea this year. The afternoon was most successful.

Friends of Mrs. Boomer, one of our very active W.A. workers, will be exceedingly sorry to learn that her husband, who was night chief dispatcher here, succumbed very suddenly to a heart attack on the morning of Dec. 13th. His body was taken to Edmonton for burial, but a memorial service was held in St. Catherine's on the afternoon

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### ST. MARY'S, BARRHEAD

The Rev. D. V. A. Browne

St. Mary's Altar Guild met on Thursday, December 9th, at the home of Mrs. D. G. Taylor. Officers for the ensuing year were chosen as follows: Mrs. D. V. A. Browne, president; Mrs. G. Hertz, secretary-treasurer.

On Wednesday, December 15th, the Sunday School held a delightful concert for their parents and friends in the United Church Hall. At the end of the concert, Lorraine Robinson, one of the most faithful members, on behalf of the Sunday School, presented the Vicar with a gift. Santa Claus then appeared to the great delight of the children. The highlight of the occasion was when he handed to Miss Doreen Bennett a gift in appreciation for her help in making the concert possible. The Sunday School also wishes to thank all who helped in any way to make the concert a success, especially Mr. Norman Bennett, who played the musical numbers on the piano. The proceeds from a collection taken at the door were sent to the Canadian Save-the-Children Fund.

**Holy Matrimony**—On November 22nd, Horace Wiggins Brinton of Barrhead to Lavern Irene Mitchell of Bloomsbury.

### ST. PHILLIP'S, WESTLOCK

The St. Phillip's Guild held their annual Christmas party meeting at the home of Mrs. E. Stanton, December 1st. It was decided during the meeting that \$50 be given the church to help defray expenses. The members of the vestry very much appreciated this generous assistance. Appreciation was expressed for the splendid response to the bazaar. The meeting closed with an exchange of gifts, and tea was served by Mrs. Stanton and Mrs. Lajorise. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Lajorise on January 5th and assisting the hostess will be Mrs. Green and Mrs. George Baxandall.

of the 15th, which both Mr. Boomer's parents were able to attend. His son, Alan Boomer, a student at the University of Alberta, played the organ for the service, by his own wish. A large number of Masons were in attendance, the ritual being conducted in the church at the close of the regular funeral service, Mr. E. H. Tucker reading the prayers. Canon Clough conducted the service and was to conclude the burial service in Edmonton. The sympathy of the parish is sincerely extended to Mrs. Boomer and to Alan for their abrupt and deep loss.

Mrs. Kneen, an old member of the W.A. for many years, also passed away this week in St. John's hospital. Our sympathy is extended to her sister, Mrs. Forrest, with whom she has lived for some time.

### CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ST. GEORGE, JASPER

The Rev. T. C. B. Boon

There was a celebration of the Holy Communion on the morning of St. Andrew's Day for members of the W.A., and in the afternoon we had the usual service for the Juniors, at which stripes and badges were awarded for good attendance and work. The Punctuality Prize was awarded to Dorothy Peterson.

The O.R.R.P. attended as a lodge on the evening of December 5th.

The annual Carol Service was held on the evening of December 19th, under the direction of our organist, Mr. Snape. The story of the Nativity from the Gospels was read by Mr. Coupland. The singing was particularly nice this year, and the addition of St. Jean de Brebeuf's Canadian Carol was very much appreciated.

In the absence of the Vicar through illness on December 12th, the morning service was conducted by our Lay Reader, Mr. Coupland, and the sermon preached by Mr. Snape; the lessons were read by Mr. Currie. Mrs. Peterson kindly took charge of the Sunday School White Gift Service. We are very grateful to these members of the church for their help and co-operation. In spite of the troubles in transit, the Children's Gifts reached Edmonton in time for the Bishop to take them north with him.

Early in December the E.B.W.A. packed and sent to the Bishop gifts and clothing for the Frog Lake Mission,

and at their last meeting of the season they arranged to send off a Christmas parcel to their Prayer Partner, Miss Mary Stockford of the Bishop Young Memorial Hostel, Athabasca. Also at the last meeting the members voted to send in a special donation of \$25.00 to the W.A. Pledge Fund for this year.

The J.B.W.A. held a most successful tea and sale of Christmas novelties on Saturday, December 4th. The "Hot Dog Stand" was well patronized by the younger visitors. The Juniors are to be congratulated on their splendid effort, and wish to thank all those who helped with the tea and also those who helped by their contributions to the sale and tea. The Juniors have decided to devote part of the proceeds for providing lights for the Lectern in the church, and they have also sent in an extra donation to the W.A. Pledge Fund, besides making a contribution to the parish coal account.

The J.B.W.A. held their annual party on December 15th, and the annual meeting on December 8th, when the following officers were elected: President, Glenda Church; Vice-President, Dorothy Peterson; Secretary, Donna Seward; Treasurer, Mary Peterson; Secretary of Living Messages, Marjorie Lewis; Glenda Church was appointed Banner Bearer for the year.

The annual canvass for the British and Foreign Bible Society this year amounted to \$127.75. Mrs. Fenton, Mrs. Edenborough, Mrs. Pugh and Miss Ruth Atkinson represented St. Mary's in this work and we should like to congratulate them on their efforts.

### ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, MAYERTHORPE

The Rev. John H. Dicker

**Baptism**—Valerie Janet, daughter of Edward Peters and Betty (Green).

**Marriage**—Leslie David Hughes and Phyllis Norma Watson.

**St. Luke's Parish Hall**—Six evenings were spent by willing husbands of the W.A. members ceiling and insulating the inside of our hall. Thank you, gentlemen!

**Christmas Bazaar**—The Christmas Bazaar was a financial success, netting \$99.36. The president wishes to thank the six helpers who turned out on that "coldest day of the year" to render assistance, and also Mr. Dicker for his help.

### ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH GREEN COURT

**Baptisms**—Doris Elaine, daughter of Andrew Lewis Meilicke and Jessie Helen (Archibald); (in August), Merris Maria Alberta Thelma, daughter of

This Fall the Sanctuary of our church has been much improved by the addition of a gold brocade dossal and wings behind the altar. Our thanks are due to the willing and able work of ladies of the congregation who made these things. They also made hangings for the Lectern and the Credence of the same material.

### ROCHFORD BRIDGE

**Baptism**—Philip Jack, son of Albert James Dawson and Mary Helen Jessie (Porter) of Lisburn.

As our numbers are small our services are held, through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Russ, at their house at 3:00 p.m. on the first Sunday in each month.

### CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PEAVINE

During the summer the roof of the church has been re-shingled.

Services are held the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. respectively. During January and February they are often made impossible by the weather.

### LONIRA

Services are held at 3:00 p.m. on the third Sunday in each month.

### ST. MARY'S CHURCH, SANGUDO

With the coming of a number of Anglicans to this district, services have been re-started at Sangudo. As the schedule of services in the Mission is full up on Sundays it has been found necessary to hold the services here on the Friday after the 2nd Sunday in each month at 7:00 p.m. A notice of the next service will be found at



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### BLUE RIDGE

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### ONOWAY AND WABAMUN MISSIONS

St. John's W.A. had a very successful whist drive at the home of Mrs. C. K. Armistead on Nov. 30th.

The J.A. under the superintendence of Mrs. Dales put on a sale of artificial flowers together with afternoon tea. The flowers were greatly admired and found a ready sale.

## Rural Deanery of Vermilion

### ST. SAVIOUR'S, VERMILION

The Rev. T. W. Teape

As everyone knows now, the church bears an appearance which it has not had for twenty years or more. The hedge has been removed and the ground in front of the Rectory ploughed in preparation for seeding to grass next spring.

We have been pleased to welcome to our services several visitors during the past two months. Mr. Thompson came one Sunday morning and put the case for the Temperance Movement. Mr. Heuer, who is an old friend, preached at a recent Evensong and told us of the good work that the Bible Society is doing everywhere. Vermilion has contributed over two hundred dollars to the 'British and Foreign.' Then, Mr. Peake spent a week-end with us, lectured and showed films to our own and Mannville S.S. teachers, took the service and preached at Evensong on Sunday, showed films to the A.Y.P.A. at the Fireside Hour, carried out extensive raids on Mannville and Clondonald between meals, and was last seen in a cloud of dust heading for Wainwright.

Our Laymen's service on October 24th was very worthwhile and inspiring. Mr. S. R. P. Cooper preached a first-rate sermon, while Mr. Morrison, Mr. Ross Taylor, Mr. Buckingham and Mr. Claude Brennan took various parts of the service.

The new term has begun at the Agricultural College and we rejoice to welcome a large number of Anglicans—there must be close to thirty-five of them. The attendance at Evensong has increased noticeably since they came into residence. We hope that every member of the congregation will try to make them feel at home.

The social sponsored by the A.Y.P.A. on November 12th was a decided success. The Masonic Hall was decorated

A large party gathered for the Christmas Tree. Santa appeared and had a present for everyone.

Onoway now has a fine electric plant and the Vestry has decided to wire the Vicarage and the Parish Hall.

We shall miss Mr. and Mrs. George Styles, who have gone to live in Edmonton in St. Stephen's Parish.

Mr. Looker is sick in hospital in Edmonton. We hope to hear good news of him. Canon Clough is visiting him.

At Seba, the W.A. arranged to meet for Missionary Intercessions on St. Andrew's Day.

**Baptism**—On Dec. 5th, Mearl Kenneth Parker.

**Baptisms**—at Lac La Nonne on Dec. 1st, Ruth Edith Hambling, Donald Richard George, Sheila Ada Reid, Harry Joseph Phillips.

with streamers and balloons in the A.Y. colors. A short whist drive, hilarious games, an old-time spelling bee, delicious food, fine musical numbers by Marion Pilkie, Mr. Tom Watts and "young" Mr. Barwick, made up what everyone agreed was a most enjoyable evening. The whole thing was a feather in the cap of the A.Y. The Rector would point out that the best game of all was played before the party and is called 'Hide the Boiler.' The town and district took part.

### Thanks

Our thanks this month go to Mr. Parker for so speedily mending the sidewalk outside the main entrance of the church, and for fixing the trapdoor that leads to the basement. To Mr. Acheson for pulling up the hedge with his "cat"; to Mr. Buckingham for helping to eradicate the hedge, and to Mr. Tom Watts for making a bonfire or the same. To Mrs. Pockett, Mrs. S. E. Barwick and Mrs. G. L. Hudson, all of whom placed flowers on the altar in memory of their loved ones. To the ladies who helped to decorate the church for the Harvest Festival. To the many gentlemen who, in the absence of a parochial omnibus, have driven the Rector to his country services and brought him back again. To Mr. Buckingham for two strenuous days spent canvassing our parishioners in the country north and south of town.

The Evening Branch of St. Saviour's W.A. held a successful home cooking sale in October.

At the November meeting a very interesting letter was read from a missionary in India. She is at the only school in the world where there is a united church.

In December a candy sale was held in conjunction with the senior W.A. fall bazaar. It was also a great success. This year again the Evening Branch is providing candy for the Sunday School Christmas party.

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Our W.A. experienced a deep sense of loss in the recent passing of our beloved Archdeacon Leversedge. Loving sympathy is extended to Mrs. Leversedge and family in their bereavement.

The annual Sale of Work and Tea on December 4th, which was officially opened by Mr. Teape, proved to be a real success this year, due to the whole-hearted co-operation of all our members, and to the generous patronage of the residents of Vermilion and district.

### PLEASANT VALLEY

The November meeting of the Pleasant Valley W.A. was held at Mrs. Bothwell's home, with twenty-three members and visitors present. We completed our missionary quilt which has been in the making for awhile. Two new members were enrolled.

Several "Little Helpers" were enrolled with Mrs. Buckingham's group from Vermilion.

Our pork and bean supper, held in October, was very successful, realizing the sum of \$56.00.

We have been having grand weather, enabling us to continue with our meetings and to have our regular Sunday services.

### KING EDWARD W.A.

Our meeting was held at the home of Mrs. A. Beecroft with eleven members present. The meeting was given over mainly to preparation for our sale of sewing, farm produce and home cooking which we are holding in Vermilion on Nov. 20th. The various articles which the members had so industriously made were priced and three of the members, Mrs. Schoonmaker, Mrs. Robson and Mrs. G. McPhee, volunteered to be salesladies for the 20th. It was decided not to have our next meeting until after the bazaar when it would be at the home of Mrs. Ross Taylor with Mrs. Fry as hostess, on Dec. 3rd. Mrs. Fry was nominated educational secretary for that meeting.

### MARWAYNE

Several months have elapsed since Marwayne has been heard from, but we have not been idle.

First, our sincere thanks to our Bishop for personally conducting our Harvest Thanksgiving Service. The church was tastefully decorated for the service and a good congregation attended.

Since then Mr. Harding or Mr. Teape both of Vermilion, have taken services every two weeks, for which we are extremely grateful.

We hope to have a resident priest in the very near future. Marwayne is the centre of a very large district and if we had a resident minister would soon be self supporting.

The W.A. held their first bazaar on Nov. 17th and when all expenses were paid found we had cleared two hundred dollars (\$200). Very few articles

being left. Our thanks to all in the district who so kindly helped.

This is too late to wish you a Merry Christmas, but we hope you all had one, and a bright and prosperous New Year to all branches.

### INNISFREE MISSION

The Rev. V. P. Cole

Our St. Andrew's Day service was held at 8:00 p.m. in the United Church. The Rev. V. P. Cole was present and conducted the service. Four girls were received into membership of the Girls' Auxiliary. They were: Joyce Twardy, Elsie Smart, Elizabeth Tanasichuk and Halia Skolsky.

The W.A. bazaar held on Saturday, Nov. 27th, was quite successful, augmenting our funds by about sixty dollars.

### ST. ALBAN'S, CHALEY

Service has been held regularly twice each month with the roads still in good condition. We expect to hold our Christmas Communion and Service on Dec. 26th, weather and roads permitting.

Two more very successful card parties have taken place and besides helping financially it has been a means of the church community and many friends having the opportunity to meet socially. We are looking forward to more such events after the Christmas festivities.

The annual W.A. meeting was held at the home of Mrs. R. Sutton on Nov. 30th. Annual reports were read and it was very gratifying to learn that financially 1948 exceeded all past years. 1948 saw the addition of some Dorcas work and a Little Helpers' department. The kiddies' Christmas party is planned for Dec. 29th in the school. The W.A. are financing the purchase of a circulatory heater for the church.

The following officers have been chosen for 1949: President, Mrs. Ida Norman; Vice-President, Mrs. Mary McDonald; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Isabel Saint; Executive and Sick Committee, Mesdames Sutton, Hollyoake and Rostron; Auditors, Miss K. Sutton and Mrs. M. Cornish; Little Helpers, Miss M. Sutton and Mrs. M. Cornish; Diocesan Annual Delegates, Miss K. Sutton and Mrs. I. Saint; Deanery Delegate, Mrs. E. Hollyoake.

A St. Andrew's-tide service was conducted after the meeting by the Rev. V. P. Cole, after which a delicious lunch topped by Christmas cake was served. The January meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. McDonald.

Mrs. I. Saint will be absent from the parish until after Christmas, she being in Edmonton with her mother and sister.

We are pleased to report that Miss H. Saint and Mr. K. Blackburn have both recovered after being ill, spending some time in the hospital.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all correspondents, parishers, friends and readers of the

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### ST. JOHN'S, KITSOTY

On Nov. 21st, we were favored with a visit from the Rev. T. Teape of Ver-

## Rural Deanery of Wainwright

### WAINWRIGHT

The Rev. F. E. Smith

The Christmas Bazaar sponsored by the original branch of the St. Thomas' W.A. was a great success, and the financial returns were worthy of the effort that had been put into this venture. The ladies in charge of the various departments were: Mrs. Middlemass, Sr., Tea; Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Seabrook, Home Cooking; Mrs. Reynolds, Sewing. Our most sincere thanks to all those who worked so well and faithfully and were so extremely generous with their donations of time, talent and material. The Girls' Auxiliary and the Junior Auxiliary also delighted those attending the bazaar both with their very neat uniforms and the quality of goods which they offered for sale: these included many novelties and articles useful for Christmas presents.

The Girls' Auxiliary and the Junior Auxiliary groups are both increasing in numbers and enthusiasm is at an all time high. The girls have been receiving instruction in Home Nursing from Mrs. F. E. Smith. The girls have had a most successful season with the sale of Christmas cards, the sales having totalled near the hundred-and-fifty dollar mark, of which a generous percentage is retained by the groups. The G.A. are losing two of their members for the remainder of the current season in the persons of Jessie and Judy Harding, who are going to Kentucky until spring. The Senior Girls are planning to once more sing carols to those who are shut-in, and they will also deliver Christmas gifts to these friends who for various reasons are confined to their homes.

The A.Y.P.A. are once more sponsoring the Christmas treats for the members of the Sunday School. This is quite a large financial undertaking, for the Sunday School has almost doubled in size during the current year. The A.Y. are also making a generous donation to the Vestry.

Our new leader for the Morning Choir is Mr. J. C. Ford, who is now residing in town. We are indeed fortunate to have Mr. Ford, for his very fine tenor voice and long experience with an English cathedral choir, both as organist and a soloist, could easily be coveted by any choir in the country. The choir are presenting an anthem

milion. We had quite a good congregation, twenty-six being present. On Dec. 5th, Mr. Harding of Bradford, England, came to take morning service. It was a very cold day and only a few turned out, but those that did were rewarded with an interesting address on "Bible Sunday."

each Sunday morning and are already planning special music for Easter.

The newly formed "Park" Branch of the W.A. is rapidly taking its place as a working unit of the parish organization. At Christmas, they were responsible for the decorations in both the church and the parish hall. They also undertook the by-no-means small task of preparing and serving the supper at the Sunday School Christmas party.

The Vestry are planning to excavate a full basement under the rectory and also to install a cement soft water tank just as soon as the weather permits.

### HOLY TRINITY, TOFIELD

The Rev. E. N. P. Orme

The Senior W.A. met at the Vicarage on Nov. 25th with an attendance of twelve, including three visitors. After the opening devotionals, business was attended to. Members were reminded to hand in their thankoffering boxes, also their renewals to the **Living Message** for 1949. Final arrangements were also made for the bazaar which was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday, Dec. 4th, from 3 to 6 p.m. Con-veners were appointed to take charge of the home cooking, fancy work stalls and tea tables as well as the kitchen. A letter of thanks was read from our overseas adopted vicar for a parcel recently sent by the W.A. This was again appreciated very much. Bazaar articles were then priced after which our hostess, Mrs. E. N. P. Orme, served a delightful lunch. On the bazaar day the tea tables looked very dainty. Many came in to enjoy the fruit salad, cookies, etc., and the display of sewing and miscellaneous articles, cookery, etc., was as ever a delight to see. Needless to say the venture was very worthwhile and proved remunerative. Our thanks are extended to all who attended, donated and assisted in many ways.

The Annual Sunday School Party was held in the Church Room on Saturday, Dec. 11th, from 2 to 4 p.m. There were around 45 present including mothers, scholars and infants (Little Helpers) also Sunday School by post scholars. The tea table was centred with the Manger Scene. A tree was gaily decorated in one corner of the room and the gifts daintily wrapped. There was a short programme of recitations, carols, games and a sumptuous lunch and the presentation of gifts. The affair ended

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happily The Vicar called for three cheers for the Sunday School leader, who had put much happy effort forth in the previous week. He in turn called for three cheers for the W.A., who also provided the gifts, also three cheers for the Vicar and his wife, three cheers for the mothers for their sincere interest throughout the year, and last but not least three cheers for the children for their part in the day's affairs.

Services have been held regularly. A large congregation attended the carol service held at Lindbrook School on Dec. 12th.

Lindbrook's Annual Meeting will be held on Jan. 2nd, at 3 p.m. Tofield's Annual Meeting will be held on Jan. 16th, at 3 p.m.

### ST. MARGARET'S, BATTLE HEIGHTS

The Rev. F. E. Smith

Although the mention of Harvest Festival is rather old news now, yet

## Rural Deanery of Wetaskiwin

### CAMROSE

The Rev. C. F. W. Goddard

During December there has been much activity, all leading either to Christmas or beyond it to the New Year ahead. The W.A. bazaar was a real success in spite of a cold day, and our newly-done parish hall added to the cheerfulness of the occasion. The Mission Band has started off well, and is increasing, and held its Christmas party with much noise and jubilation. The Young Married Group Christmas party was a most enjoyable affair.

The W.A. election of officers was held in December this year with the following slate: President, Mrs. R. W. Campbell; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. H. H. Bradley; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. A. Youell; Secretary, Mrs. G. R. Fuller; Treasurer, Mrs. Norman Blades; Educational Secretary, Mrs. W. F. Grafton; Dorcas Secretary, Ms. Charles McDonald; Living Message Secretary, Miss J. M. Roper.

The Christmas tableaux were presented in the church on Sunday, Dec. 19th, to a congregation of over a hundred. The actors, under the direction of Mrs. C. McGill, were Mrs. Robt. Burrows, Mrs. E. Basant, Mrs. E. Pelan, Mrs. L. Dodd and Mrs. Beverly Stover, Fabian Hugh, Chuck McDonald, Danny Bogda, Peter Ness, Bill Blades, Fred East and Johnny Stewart. The choir did music appropriate to the tableaux, with Verna and Eleanor Lomas, Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. Goddard, Barbara Howarth, Donald Shes, John Hare and Malcolm Cornish taking special parts, and with Miss Studholme at the organ. For the occasion, Mr. W. F. Grafton built an attractive temporary screen so that the tableaux could be presented in the Chancel, and the choir and organ were at the back of the church.

we would like to say there was a good attendance. The school was tastefully decorated for this occasion and the display of vegetables very good, considering the below average gardens this year.

The November meeting of the W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. Tindall Sr. on the 24th, with a full attendance. Next meeting (the annual) will be held at the home of Mrs. Adams, Jan. 5th, this to be followed by the annual congregational meeting.

The Little Helpers' Rally was held during Evening Prayer, Sunday, Dec. 5th.

The weather man has been very good to us, and up to date church services have been held in the school house. The Christmas service, Dec. 19th, was well attended.

We are pleased to report the rapid recovery of one of our members, Mr. N. Willerton, who for some time was seriously ill in hospital.

### ST. DUNSTAN'S, BITTERN LAKE

St. Andrew's Day was observed here with a Corporate Communion service for the W.A. It was also a special service of intercession for the work of the church and a link in the chain of prayer being offered throughout the diocese. Eight members were present.

The attendance at the W.A. sale of work, Dec. 3, was not as large as had been expected, but a nice sum was realized. Entertainment was provided by pictures shown by the National Film Board prior to the sale. Once again the W.A. are indebted to Mr. J. B. Hayfield for so efficiently acting as auctioneer.

The W.A. annual meeting was held at Mrs. E. R. Oschner's, Dec. 16th. Good reports were received from the secretary-treasurer and the Dorcas secretary. Special tribute was paid to Mrs. J. B. Hayfield, the Dorcas secretary, for her capable and unselfish performance of her duties, and her resignation was received with much regret.

Mrs. J. G. Baker, President; Mrs. Butcher, Vice-President; Mrs. E. R. Oschner, Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. Briggs, Prayer Partner, were all re-elected. Mrs. Butcher is also the new Dorcas secretary, and the Rev. C. F. W. Goddard has undertaken the Educational Study which will be given once a month. The meeting adjourned and tea was served by the hostess.

### SEDGEWICK MISSION

The Rev. W. Brooks

Baptisms — Elizabeth Ann Walsh, David Alexander Patten, Douglas Charles Hayward Smith, Allan Maurice Haerberle, Elizabeth Anne Haerberle.

The past weeks have been busy ones for all connected with the annual sales of work held at Hardisty, Lougheed, Killam and Sedgewick, and it is a tribute to the devotion to their church of those workers who, though few in number, have made things a success. To them and all those who gave their support in other ways we extend our thanks.

Branches of the W.A. in this parish are responding magnificently to the appeals for food parcels for abroad; one idea is that a food shower, each member contributing some item, the parcel going forward in the name of the branch. It is to be hoped that co-ordination of effort will produce regularity in dispatch to orphanages, etc., that are in much less fortunate circumstances than we in this great land of plenty. It is truly gratifying to see this practical application of Christianity, and realize that "in Christ there is no East or West—"

To the officers of all branches we extend our thanks for their untiring efforts to make their church a living thing in the past year, and to those who will take up the task in 1949 we wish every success and an increase in happiness. The following were elected to office at Killam for the coming year: President, Mrs. G. Stewart; Vice-President, Mrs. McLachlan; Secretary, Mrs. Felgate; Treasurer, Mrs. Lackey; Dorcas, Mrs. J. Smith. At Sedgewick: President, Mrs. G. Weber; Vice-President, Mrs. Brooks; Secretary, Mrs. Adamson; Treasurer, Mrs. Rose; Dorcas, Mrs. D. Galletly; Sewing, Mrs. Burch.

Since our last report we have had an inspiring visit from Dr. Watts, whose programme considerably broadened our vision with respect to the needs in the mission field. We express the appreciation of the many children and adults who were able to hear him.

St. Andrew's Day services were held at Sedgewick and Hardisty this year. It is suggested for your consideration that the practice of holding this day of commemoration and corporate communion be more widespread, and that as a parish we hold one service, each year rotating in point of place. By this means we get to know each other better, discuss common problems, and increase the fellowship.

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